

Glenda Wiles

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Cc: Chuck Stranahan
Subject: Streamside Setbacks

Dear Commissioners:

I commend the streamside setback committee for their efforts, resulting in a workable plan to safeguard water quality in our Bitterroot river and streams. Sections of the river are already designated "impaired". 25% of the river is said to be "contained", that is compromised or threatened by buildings and riprap. Proposals for further, unrestricted development along the banks create the emergency situation being described by many citizens.

Delay in effecting setback regulations would further endanger this "jewel of the Bitterroot". I urge you, Commissioners, to honor the efforts of the setback commission with a timely decision on behalf of setback regulation. I believe this will meet with the approval and appreciation of all who value the precious resource the Bitterroot river represents.

Thank you. John Carbin, Stevensville (777-7200)